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SUBJECT: FUNDING REQUEST FOR PEACEKEEPING TRAINERS IN JORDAN

SUMMARY

11. To keep Jordan's peacekeeping instructors current on U.S. doctrine and philosophy, post requests funding of a minimum of six training courses for Jordanian instructors in fiscal year 2005 for a total of \$85,284. End Summary.

Jordan Supports U.S. Peacekeeping Objectives

 $\underline{\hbox{\bf 1}}\hbox{\bf 2.}$ Jordan continues to participate in peacekeeping operations throughout the world, most recently in Haiti. Due to Jordan's preeminent role in international peacekeeping, the USG has repeatedly used the Jordanian Peace Operations Training Center (POTC) to prepare U.S. soldiers for deployment to Afghanistan and Iraq. Recognizing the benefit of their insights, the USG has brought Jordanian Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) instructors to the U.S. to train our forces. To further impart this knowledge to U.S. forces, DOD recently approved a permanent position for a Jordanian officer at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, Louisiana. Provision of the courses detailed below will ensure that Jordanian capabilities remain cutting-edge as they work to support the U.S. in the global war on terrorism and in future peacekeeping operations.

Request for Funding

- 13. The highest priority courses under consideration follow:
- ¶A. Enrollment of two Jordanian PKO instructors in "Military and Peacekeeping Operations in Accordance with the Rule of Law." Cost: \$17,450 each.
- 1B. Enrollment of two Jordanian PKO instructors in "Enhanced International Peacekeeping Capabilities (EIPC) Instructors Course." Cost: \$11,295 each.
- 1C. Enrollment of two Jordanian PKO instructors in "Planning Peace Operations." Cost: \$13,897 each.

Total cost of all six courses: \$85,284.

COMMENT

14. Post considers this the absolute minimum number of courses required to ensure Jordan's peacekeeping instructors remain current and capable partners in peacekeeping operations worldwide. If more funding becomes available post would like to expand the number of PKO courses offered to make the program more robust. HALE